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For: *HYDROGELS FOR ORTHOPEDIC REPAIR*

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Sir:

Pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 21(a) as amended by Public Law 97-247 and 37 C.F.R. § 1.10, Arthur J. Coury, Steven D. Goodrich, Hildegard M. Kramer, Luis Z. Avila, John Traverse, and Peter K. Jarrett enclose for filing the attached patent application entitled "Hydrogels for Orthopedic Repair". This application claims benefit of U.S.S.N. 60/153,190, filed September 10, 1999. The application includes 1 page of Abstract, 40 pages of specification, 6 pages of claims, 1 sheet of informal drawings, and an unexecuted Declaration. An executed Declaration, Assignment to Focal, Inc. and A Verified Statement Claiming Small Entity Status will be submitted shortly. A check in the amount of \$498.00 to cover a portion of the filing fee is enclosed.

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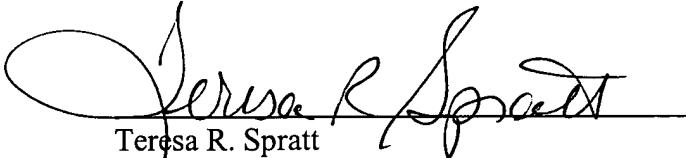
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APPLICATION ELEMENTS

See MPEP chapter 600 concerning utility patent application contents.

1. * Fee Transmittal Form (e.g., PTO/SB/17)
(Submit an original and a duplicate for fee processing)

2. Specification [Total Pages 47]
(preferred arrangement set forth below)
- Descriptive title of the Invention
- Cross References to Related Applications
- Statement Regarding Fed sponsored R & D
- Reference to Microfiche Appendix
- Background of the Invention
- Brief Summary of the Invention
- Brief Description of the Drawings (if filed)
- Detailed Description
- Claim(s)
- Abstract of the Disclosure

3. Drawing(s) (35 U.S.C. 113) [Total Sheets 1]

4. Oath or Declaration [Total Pages 4]
a. Unexecuted
b. Copy from a prior application (37 C.F.R. § 1.63(d))
(for continuation/divisional with Box 16 completed)
i. DELETION OF INVENTOR(S)
Signed statement attached deleting
inventor(s) named in the prior application,
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5. Microfiche Computer Program (Appendix)

6. Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Submission
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a. Computer Readable Copy
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c. Statement verifying identity of above copies

ACCOMPANYING APPLICATION PARTS

7. Assignment Papers (cover sheet & document(s))
8. 37 C.F.R. § 3.73(b) Statement Power of
(when there is an assignee) Attorney
9. English Translation Document (if applicable)
10. Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)/PTO-1449 Copies of IDS
11. Preliminary Amendment
12. Return Receipt Postcard (MPEP 503)
(Should be specifically itemized)
13. * Small Entity Statement(s) Statement filed in prior application,
(PTO/SB/09-12) Status still proper and desired
14. Certified Copy of Priority Document(s)
(if foreign priority is claimed)
15. Other: Check for \$498.00
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of prior application No: /

Prior application information: Examiner _____

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113	1,840*	113	1,840*
115	110	215	55
116	380	216	190
117	870	217	435
118	1,360	218	680
128	1,850	228	925
119	300	219	150
120	300	220	150
121	260	221	130
138	1,510	138	1,510
140	110	240	55
141	1,210	241	605
142	1,210	242	605
143	430	243	215
144	580	244	290
122	130	122	130
123	50	123	50
126	240	126	240
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102	78	202
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